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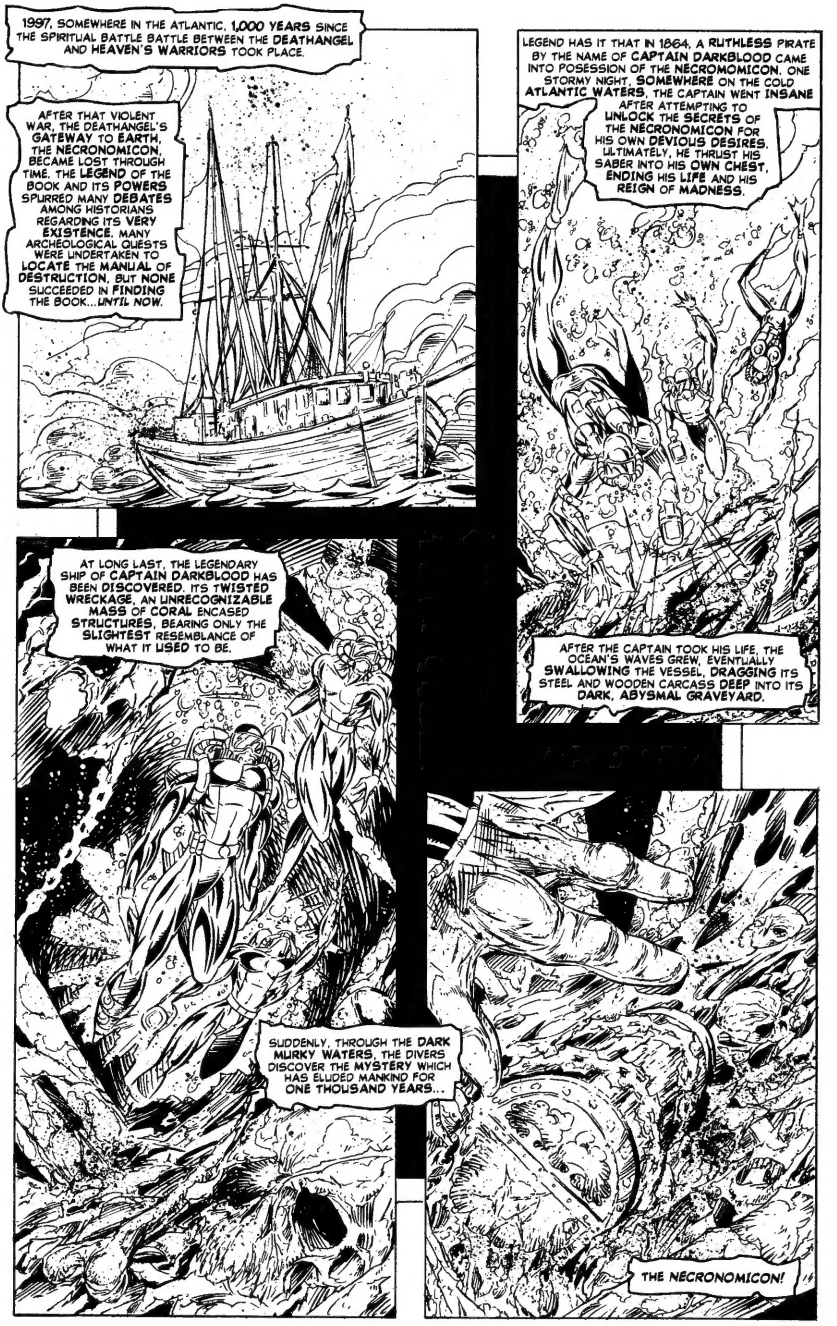
EONS AGO, DEEP WITHIN THE FIERY BOWELS OF HELL, THE LEGEND OF NECRONOMICON WAS BORN.
SYMBOLS SCRIBBLED IN HUMAN BLOOD, ON PAGES MADE OF FLESH, EMPOWERED THE READER OF THIS BOOK OF DARKNESS TO TRANSFORM INTO THE DEATHANGEL...A BEING OF PURE EVIL WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE WAS TO REAP HUMAN SOULS FOR SATAN'S ARMY OF DARKNESS.
ON ONE FIERY, DEATH FILLED NIGHT, THE LORD OF DARKNESS CALLED UPON SCRUM TO WORK ON A NEW PROJECT, THE CREATION OF THE NECRONOMICON.
NO LONGER WOULD SCRUM BE A LOWLY SCRIBE, HE WAS DESTINED TO BE MUCH MORE! FOREVER HE WOULD BE KNOWN AS SCRUM THE TERRIBLE, THE AUTHOR OF HELL'S MOST VILE WEAPON AGAINST THE FLESH.
THIS PLEASED SCRUM TO NO END.
FINALLY, ONE NIGHT SCRUM REJOICED, FOR HE KNEW IN HIS BLACK HEART HE CREATED THE MOST TERRIFYING WEAPON HUMANS WOULD COME TO KNOW.
HE KNEW THAT UNTIL THE LAST FLAME OF HELL WAS EXTINGUISHED, HELL'S INHABITANTS WOULD SPEAK THE NAME OF SCRUM WITH FEAR. HE WOULD COMMAND THEIR RESPECT THROUGHOUT ETERNITY AS THE GREATEST AUTHOR HELL HAD EVER KNOWN!
SO LET IT BE WRITTEN, SO LET IT BE DONE!

IN SATAN'S NAME, I GRANT YOU POWER OVER THE FLESH SO YOU MANY RISE UP AND CLAIM YOUR HOST! YOU ARE THE SPIRIT OF EVIL BORN IN HELL-- THAT WE SEND FORWARD UNTO THE EARTH! IN LUCIFER'S NAME YOU SHALL DESECRATE THE SOULS OF THE INNOCENT AND DELIVER THEM TO HELL. YOU SHALL BE KNOWN FROM THIS DAY FORWARD AS THE CHAMPION OF HELL... THE DEATHANGEL!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!
WITH THOSE LAST WORDS, SCRUM'S VOICE GAVE LIFE TO A SPIRIT OF DARKNESS, WHOSE SOUL WOULD INHABIT THE NECRONOMICON. THE LEGEND OF THE DEATHANGEL HAD BEGUN!

ENGLAND, 18TH CENTURY. ON A MISTY MORNING, A BATTLE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS TAKES PLACE. A BATTLE WHICH HAS BEEN WAGED SINCE THE DEMON AUTHOR SCRUM CREATED HELL'S MOST DEADLY WEAPON, THE NECRONOMICAN.
HEAR ME ANGELS. THERE IS NO ESCAPE. I WILL DESTROY YOU AND DELIVER YOUR SOULS STRAIGHT TO HELL WHERE YOUR SUFFERING SHALL BE ETERNAL!
SUSANNA, YOU MUST RESIST THE EVIL POWERS OF THE NECRONOMICON. IT IS NOT GOD'S WILL THAT YOU PERISH BY THE WICKED TREACHERY WHICH HAS BEEN INFLICTED UPON YOUR SOUL.
I URGE YOU, HEED THIS WARNING OR BY THE POWER OF GOD WE SHALL BE FORCED TO STRIKE YOU DOWN!
I AM NO LONGER SUSANNA, I AM NOW THE DEATHANGEL...
AND IT IS YOU WHO SHALL DIE, ANGEL!
AAHRGH!
SLASH

IT ENDS NOW, DEATHANGEL. YOU HAVE MURDERED ONE OF GOD'S SOLDIERS, AND FOR THIS UNFORGIVABLE SIN YOUR SOUL SHALL BE TERMINATED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
WITH THE FULL FURY OF GOD, THE ARCHANGEL DRIVES HIS BLADE OF LIGHT THROUGH THE BODY OF THE DEATHANGEL.
AS SUSANNA'S BODY LAY UPON THE EARTH, HER SOUL DESCENDS INTO THE REALM OF DEATH TO EXPERIENCE ITS UNENDING TORTURE.
THE DEATHANGEL MUST BE STOPPED. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DESTROYED THIS INCARNATION, IT WILL NO DOUBT *RISE AGAIN* TO SPREAD ITS EVIL AND CORRUPT THE INNOCENT.
WE MUST BE PREPARED, FOR THE BATTLE IS FAR FROM OVER.


1997, SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC, 1,000 YEARS SINCE THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE BATTLE BETWEEN THE DEATHANGEL AND HEAVEN'S WARRIORS TOOK PLACE.
AFTER THAT VIOLENT WAR, THE DEATHANGEL'S GATEWAY TO EARTH, THE NECRONOMICON, BECAME LOST THROUGH TIME. THE LEGEND OF THE BOOK AND ITS POWERS SPURRED MANY DEBATES AMONG HISTORIANS REGARDING ITS VERY EXISTENCE. MANY ARCHEOLOGICAL QUESTS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO LOCATE THE MANUAL OF DESTRUCTION. BUT NONE SUCCEEDED IN FINDING THE BOOK...UNTIL NOW.
LEGEND HAS IT THAT IN 1864, A RUTHLESS PIRATE BY THE NAME OF CAPTAIN DARKBLOOD CAME INTO POSESSION OF THE NECROMOMICON. ONE STORMY NIGHT, SOMEWHERE ON THE COLD ATLANTIC WATERS, THE CAPTAIN WENT INSANE
AFTER ATTEMPTING TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THE NECRONOMICON FOR HIS OWN DEVIOUS DESIRES, ULTIMATELY, HE THRUST HIS SABER INTO HIS OWN CHEST, ENDING HIS LIFE AND HIS REIGN OF MADNESS.
AFTER THE CAPTAIN TOOK HIS LIFE, THE OCEAN'S WAVES GREW, EVENTUALLY SWALLOWING THE VESSEL, DRAGGING ITS STEEL AND WOODEN CARCASS DEEP INTO ITS DARK, ABYSMAL GRAVEYARD.
AT LONG LAST, THE LEGENDARY SHIP OF CAPTAIN DARKBLOOD HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. ITS TWISTED WRECKAGE, AN UNRECOGNIZABLE MASS OF CORAL ENCASED STRUCTURES, BEARING ONLY THE SLIGHTEST RESEMBLANCE OF WHAT IT USED TO BE.
SUDDENLY, THROUGH THE DARK MURKY WATERS, THE DIVERS DISCOVER THE MYSTERY WHICH HAS ELUDED MANKIND FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS...
THE NECRONOMICON!

AT LONG LAST, WE'VE FOUND IT! THE POWER OF THE BOOK IS MINE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING? THE CHEST, IT'S OPENING BY ITSELF!
BOOM
THE DEATHANGEL SHALL SERVE NO MERE MORTAL!
THE NECRONMOCION HAS RISEN FROM ITS WATERY GRAVE TO SEEK OUT ONE BORN WITH POWER!
IT WILL COMBINE THESE POWERS WITH THE DEATHANGEL'S EVIL. SO THAT, TOGETHER, THEY WILL BE UNSTOPPABLE!
AS THE NECRONOMICON COVERS THE SHIP IN A BLANKET OF DEATH, IT CHANGES THE VESSEL'S COURSE, BEGINNING THE QUEST TO FIND ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.

TWO WEEKS LATER, NEW YORK CITY HARBOR.
THE SHIP AND THE SCORCHED REMAINS OF ITS CREW WERE RETRIEVED BY THE COAST GUARD AND HAULED TO A HARBOR FOR INVESTIGATION.
AS POLICE ENTERED THE VESSEL, THEY WERE SHOCKED AT WHAT THEY DISCOVERED WITHIN THE SHIP'S BLACKENED CORRIDORS. OVERCOME WITH THE STENCH OF BURNT AND DECOMPOSED HUMAN REMAINS, THE OFFICERS BECAME ILL FROM THE HEAVY SCENT OF DEATH.
THE F.B.I. WAS CALLED IN TO CARRY OUT A MORE CONCISE AND IN DEPTH INVESTIGATION.
FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, AGENT KILLIAN, YOU WOULDN'T BE TOO FAR OFF.
AGENT STARKS, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE? IT LOOKS LIKE A BOMB WENT OFF.
WERE NOT SURE WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED, BUT IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE ONBOARD BURNED TO DEATH. THE SHIP SUSTAINED SEVERE FIRE DAMAGE, YET MANAGED TO FLOAT ALL THE WAY TO NEW YORK INSTEAD OF SINKING! THE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE IN THIS CABIN. WE SENT RESIDUE TO FORENSICS FOR TESTING BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM TO FIT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ANY KNOWN EXPLOSIVE. THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE HAVE.
WELL, I INTEND TO FIND OUT WHO OR WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.
HEY, WHAT'S THIS BOOK DOING HERE? WAS IT HERE WHEN YOU ARRIVED? IT DOESN'T SEEMED BURNED OR SCORCHED IN THE SLIGHTEST.
YES, WE FOUND IT SITTING RIGHT THERE ON THE TABLE. IT DOES SEEM UNUSUAL THAT A BOOK WOULD BE THE ONLY THING SURVIVING THE BLAST.
SEND IT TO THE LAB FO ANALYSIS. PERHAPS IT'LL GIVE US SOME INSIGHT AS TO WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
I'LL GET ON IT RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT COULD'VE DONE THIS? IT LOOKS LIKE ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE.

HELL.
OH, PRAISE THE POWERS OF DARKNESS, FOR SHE IS A FINE ONE, INDEED! I CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE SPIRIT OF THE DEATHANGEL TAKES HER SOUL AND ONCE AGAIN BEGINS ITS SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS!
HEAR ME O' BEASTS OF HELL, LET THIS NIGHT BE ONE OF CELEBRATION AS HELL'S WARRIOR PREPARES TO AWAKEN FROM ITS SLUMBER! SOON ITS EVIL FURY SHALL ONCE AGAIN BE WROUGHT UPON THOSE OF THE EARTHLY PLANE!

F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS.
MICHAEL, HOW IS THE TESTING ON THAT BOOK COMING ALONG?
OH, HI RACHEL. WELL, IT'S STRANGE. IT APPEARS THIS BOOK YOU FOUND IS DATED SOMEWHERE AROUND 500 BC AND ITS CONSTRUCTION IS, UM, MOST UNUSUAL. ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?
I'M READY FOR ANYTHING.
WELL IT SEEMS THE PAGES ARE MADE FROM HUMAN FLESH...THE TEXT IS WRITTEN IN BLOOD! THE DNA DOESN'T SEEM TO MATCH ANY ONE PERSON, SO ESSENTIALLY, WHOEVER PUT THIS THING TOGETHER USED PARTS OF PROBABLY HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE...MAYBE EVEN THOUSANDS!
THAT'S PRETTY SICK! HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO DECIPHER THE TEXT?
I'VE BEEN USING THE COMPUTER'S LANGUAGE DATABASE AND HAVE DETERMINED FROM THE STYLE AND SCRIPT OF THE WORDS THAT IT IS A VERY ANCIENT DIALECT OF A PRE-BABYLONIAN CULT KNOWN AS THE CANNAIN.
ACORDING TO THE DATABASE, THE CANNAIN WERE A PAGAN SOCIETY WHO WORSHIPPED A POWERFUL DEMON KNOWN AS SCRIUM. THE TEXT MATCHES UP AND I BELIEVE THAT WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A BOOK FULL OF CURSES AND SPELLS. THIS COULD IN FACT HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE CANNAIN'S AS SOME SORT OF BIBLE FOR THEIR RELIGION.
WELL, IT'S GETTING LATE. YOU MIND IF I HEAD OUT? I CAN RESUME THE TRANSLATIONS TOMORROW. IF YOU'D LIKE, YOU CAN STAY AND USE THE COMPUTER TO SEE WHAT IT COMES UP WITH.
THANKS, MICHAEL. I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE.
HMM, WHAT'S THIS?
"BEWARE ALL YE MORTALS OF LIGHT, FOR I AM TO BECOME THE EXECUTIONER, THE WARRIOR OF DARKNESS, THE UNHOLY ABOMINATION CALLED...THE DEATHANGEL. I CALL FORTH MY POWERS FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE NECRONOMICON, IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT MASTER OF EVIL! I SUBMIT UNTO YOUR POWER. I OFFER MY SOUL. COME FORTH SPIRIT OF THE DEATHANGEL, FOR I AM YOURS TO COMMAND!"
BOY, THESE CANNAIN'S SURE HAD ACTIVE IMAGINATIONS!
HEY, WHAT... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WITH THE CURSE SPOKEN FROM THE LIPS OF ITS CHOSEN HUMAN HOST, THE SPIRIT OF THE DEATHANGEL IS RELEASED!
RACHEL LOOKS IN SHOCK AS THE THORN-LIKE TENTACLES RIP FROM THE PAGES OF THE BOOK AND THRUST TOWARDS HER IN A WRITHING MASS OF DEATH!
SUDDENLY, HELL'S TENTACLES PIERCE RACHEL'S FLESH, THEN WRAP AROUND HER NERVES AND SPINAL COLUMN!
IT IS THE PAINFUL RITE OF PASSAGE... A SUDDEN ATTACK UPON THE HUMAN BODY WHICH RESULTS IN THE METAMORPHOSIS OF THE DEATHANGEL.
WITH EACH FRANTIC GASP FOR AIR, RACHEL'S BODY CONVULSES IN A FRENZIED STATE OF SHOCK AS THE FOREIGN TISSUE TAKES TO HER OWN!

SUDDENLY, THE TRANSFORMATION OF DEATHANGEL IS COMPLETE!
HER MIND IS NO LONGER FILLED WITH THE MEMORIES THAT ONCE MADE HER WHO SHE WAS.
ALL THAT NOW EXISTS IS DARKNESS AND THOUGHTS OF EVIL.
HER BODY HAS BECOME ENDOWED WITH SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH AND ABILITIES FAR BEYOND THAT OF ANY HUMAN.
SHE IS NOW HELL INCARNATE. SHE IS NOW THE DEATHANGEL AND AFTER A MILLENNIUM...
IT'S TIME TO PLAY!

HEAVEN.
HEAR ME, ANGELS OF THE LORD. I COME BEARING GRAVE NEWS. THE DEATHANGEL HAS RISEN ONCE AGAIN! GOD HAS COMMANDED ME TO LEAD AN ASSAULT UPON THE EVIL BEAST AND DESTROY IT ONCE AND FOR ALL!
IT SEEMS THE DEATHANGEL HAS MANIFESTED INTSELF INTO A MORTAL WOMAN NAMED RACHEL KILLIAN.
UNLIKE DEATHANGEL'S PREVIOUS HOST, RACHEL HOLDS STRONG RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT IF WE INTERVENE WHILE THE DEATHANGEL'S POWERS ARE STILL FRESH IN HER BODY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS AND SAVE HER SOUL!
IF WE GET TO HER IN TIME... THIS COULD TURN THE TIDES ON THE DEATHANGEL FOREVER!
IF WE CAN SHOW RACHEL THE LIGHT THAT IS WITHIN HER, SHE CAN USE IT TO DEFEAT THE EVIL OF THE DEATHANGEL. THIS WOULD ALLOW HER TO USE HER NEW POWERS FOR THE LIGHT, INSTEAD OF THE DARKNESS.
THE DAY WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HAS ARRIVED!

NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
HEY, BABY, YOU WANNA' PARTY? HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE KISS?
NO! PLEASE! LEAVE ME ALONE!
LEAVE YOU ALONE? ONLY IN YOUR DREAMS, HONEY! NOW, ARE YOU GONNA' PLAY NICE OR DO YOU LIKE IT ROUGH? EITHER WAY IS FINE WITH ME!
HEY!
LEAVE THE GIRL ALONE AND MAYBE I'LL GO EASY ON YOU...THEN AGAIN, I ALSO LIKE TO PLAY ROUGH!

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, TALKIN' TO ME LIKE THAT?
I'M GONNA' MESS YOU UP, BABY, AND AFTER I'M DONE HAVING MY WAY WITH YA', I'M GONNA' TAKE THIS BOARD AND PUT YOUR LIGHTS OUT WITH IT! HOW'S THAT FOR ROUGH, BABY? LET'S GET IT ON, SHALL WE?
FOOLISH MORTAL, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO I AM OR THE POWER WHICH I POSSESS. I AM YOUR JUDGE AND JURY! AND FOR YOUR SINS, I SHALL BE YOUR EXECUTIONER!
GARR!
SLASH
MAY YOUR SOUL ROT IN HELL, EVILDOER!
AAARGH!
RIPP

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOUGH GUY? TOO ROUGH FOR YOU?
THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP WHEN YOU DID.
IT'S OK. HE WON'T HARM YOU OR ANY OTHER INNOCENT VICTIMS EVER AGAIN. WHERE HIS SOUL RESIDES, HE IS NOW THE VICTIM AND HE WILL SUFFER AN ETERNITY OF PAIN FAR GREATER THAT THAT WHICH HE INFLICTED UPON HIS PREY.
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO KILL THE GIRL, NOT THE MUGGER! HE WAS DOING LORD LUCIFER'S WORK! HE WAS ON OUR SIDE! YOU WERE CREATED TO SERVE THE LAWS OF HELL AND NOW YOU ARE RUINING THE BALANCE OF DARKNESS. I WILL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF...KILL THE GIRL! YOU ARE THE DEATHANGEL AND YOU HAD BETTER START ACTING LIKE IT!
DEATHANGEL! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!
I ACCEPT THIS POWER WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME. BUT I WILL NOT GIVE IN TO ITS EVIL. MY MIND IS MY OWN AND NOT YOU OR YOUR DEMONS IN HELL CAN CONTROL IT!
YOU TURNCOAT! YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR DISOBEDIENCE!

REMEMBER, DEMON, I TOO POSSESS THE POWERS OF DARKNESS! IF YOU WANT A WAR WITH THE ANGEL OF DEATH, THEN YOU'VE GOT IT!
BAH! TAKE THIS, WENCH!
WHAM!
NOT BAD, DEMON SCUM. BUT IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT IN THAT PUDGY, SMELLY, DISGUSTING LITTLE THING YOU CALL A BODY?
THWAK!
OUUUCCHH!
THAT'S ENOUGH! I WILL NOT BE EMBARRASSED BY MY OWN CREATION! I'LL WRING THE LIFE OUT OF YOU WITH MY OWN BARE HANDS SO MY CURSE CAN CORRUPT ANOTHER! YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO EVEN USE THE POWERS YOU POSSESS! OH, THIS IS GONNA' GET MESSY!
IT STARTED GETTING MESSY THE DAY YOU WERE BORN! NOW I'M GONNA' MOP THE FLOOR WITH YOUR FACE!

ARRRGH!
THERE YA' GO AGAIN, MAKIN' FUN-A ME! MY PATIENCE IS WEARING THIN! I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD AN' I'M HERE TO TELL YA', I CAN TAKE YOU OUT JUST AS FAST!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YA' TRY IT, PORKY!
SUDDENLY AN ANGELIC VOICE CRIES OUT FROM THE HEAVENS.
SCRUM, LET HER BE OR YOU WILL SURELY ANWER TO ME!
WHO THE...?

YOU CHOSE THE WRONG HOST FOR THE DEATHANGEL, SCRUM! THE LORD'S LIGHT BURNS BRIGHT IN THIS ONE!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE ARCHANGEL, RAPHAEL, HIMSELF! GET YOUR ANGELIC CARCASS OUTTA' MY SIGHT BEFORE I TAKE MY FURY OUT ON YOU AS WELL!
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN SUCH A FOUL MANNER! NOW YOU SHALL SUFFER FOR YOUR INSOLENCE, DEMON!
WHAM

OUCH! LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE FEELING THAT ONE FOR A FEW DAYS!
HE'LL BE FEELING A WHOLE LOT MORE IF HE DOESN'T HEED THE LORD'S WARNING!
YOU THINK THAT HURT, ANGEL? HA! I LAUGH AT YOUR SO CALLED POWER! YOU JUST WAIT, RAPHAEL! YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS TIME BUT I SWEAR I'LL BE BACK! AND NEXT TIME I WILL NOT BE ALONE!
AND DEATHANGEL... YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME, EITHER! MARK MY WORDS!
AND WITH A GIANT LEAP, SCRUM BEGINS HIS DESCENT INTO THE DARK PITS OF HELL.

HE WILL RETURN, YOU KNOW. YOU HAVE TURNED ON HIM, AND THAT HE WILL NOT TOLERATE.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THAT STUPID, LITTLE CREATURE. NOW, WHO ARE YOU AND WHY DID YOU HELP ME?
IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, YOU HAVE WON THAT BATTLE THROUGH YOUR PURITY OF HEART. YOU RESISTED THE EVIL TEMPTATIONS OF DARKNESS AND IN TURN, HAVE ALTERED YOUR POWERS TO SERVE MANKIND. YOU HAVE DONE WELL, DEATHANGEL.
THANK YOU, RAPHAEL. TELL ME, IS THERE AN OPENING WITHIN YOUR RANKS FOR ANOTHER WARRIOR OF LIGHT?
I AM THE ARCHANGEL, RAPHAEL, COMMANDER OF GOD'S WARRIOR ANGELS. I WAS SENT ON A MISSION TO REDEEM YOUR SOUL AND SHOW YOU THE WAY OF LIGHT BEFORE EVIL HAD ITS CHANCE TO ENGULF IT.
THERE IS ALWAYS A PLACE FOR THE HOLY WITHIN GOD'S ARMY. WELCOME MY CHILD.

YOU MUST PREPARE YOURSELF, DEATHANGEL. WITH YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO GOD, THE DEMONS WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO EXTINGUISH YOUR EXISTENCE. YOU MUST BE ON GUARD AT ALL TIMES, FOR THE ULTIMATE BATTLE BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS HAS JUST BEGUN!
DON'T WORRY, RAPHAEL. I WILL BE READY FOR THEM!
AND THEY WILL SURELY PERISH BY MY HANDS. THIS I SWEAR...
BY THE POWER OF GOD!

LIGHTNING NEWS

Lightning Entertainment, Inc. first began in 1993 as Lightning Comics publishing three, full color, ongoing titles: Bloodfire, Judgement Day and Perg. Each of these titles started off with amazing sales, but when the comic market crashed in 1994, they ultimately became casualties of war. With a little craftiness, Lightning survived the bad times and currently publishes two ongoing titles, Hellina and Sinthia. From time to time, you'll find a popular creator publishing comics with us like John Cleary's Death Angel and Michael Kelleher's Perry. We're pretty diverse in the comics genre we offer and our quality is steadily improving. Rod Perry and Joseph Adam team up to make Sinthia an amazing title, and Christina Z. (of Witchblade fame) is currently writing the Hellina: Hellborn mini-series ... the first issue of which kicks off with an amazing cover by Randy Queen (Darkchylde).

In 1995 we incorporated as Lightning Entertainment, Inc., testimony to our commitment to diversify our product offerings beyond just comic books. In 1996 we began laying the foundation of our our toy manufacturing division, Skybolt Toyz. Skybolt Toyz is the company to beat when talking about "hobby market exclusive" action figures. We're producing figures not just based on Lightning Comics' properties, but based on other publisher/creator owned properties as well. The first figure produced by Skybolt was Hellina (which drew rave reviews), followed by Bill Maus' Nira X and Lightning's Sinthia. We've licensed some fantastic properties from some of the most creative minds in the comics industry and are making action figures for some of the smallest publishers as well as some of largest. We don't care about the size of the company we work with, but instead look at the "coolness factor" of the character(s) to be licensed.

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See you in a month or so.

Best regards,
-Joseph and Steven Zyskowski

More Than Mortal illustrator Steve Firchow (left) and creator/writer/publisher Sharon Scott of Liar Comics at the 1997 San Diego Comic Con. Look for an amazing action figure of MTM's lead character, Brigid The Protector in the summer/fall of 1998 from Skybolt Toyz!

Steve (left) and Joe (right) Zyskowski with the new publishers of Immortelle Studios, Lovalle Davis (middle left) and Eric Dove (middle right). The blazing hot Cynder action figure will be shipping from Skybolt Toyz in the spring/summer of 1998 to a hobby store near you!

Joe Zyskowski (left) and Steven Zyskowski (right) with Darkchylde creator, Randy Queen. Special thanks to Randy for penciling the excellent cover to Hellina: Hellborn #1! We think it's his best cover yet!

Acclaim Comics' publisher Fabian Nicieza (left) and Marketing Director Stacy Lowe (right) with Steven (middle left) and Joseph Zyskowski (middle right). Skybolt Toyz will be joining forces with Acclaim Comics to make some of the coolest superhero action figures you've ever seen. Stay tuned!

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